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***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement submitted on February 28, 2000 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on February 03, 2000. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the petition is granted and the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

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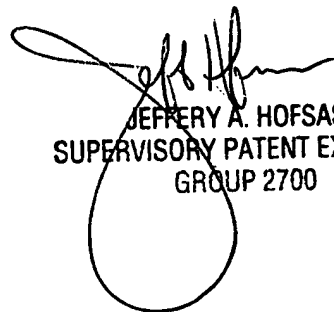
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